को प्रतिपूर्ति "नामक योजना के अन्तर्गत राज्यों/संघ शासित प्रदेशों को फीस की प्रतिपूर्ति की जा रही है ।

(ii) महिलाओं में विशेषकर ग्रामीण तथा जनजातीय क्षेत्रों में 15 से 35 आयु वर्ग में शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देना ।

(I) राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित प्रदेशों से यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिये यह अनुरोध किया गया है कि प्रौढ़ शिक्षा केन्द्रों में पढ़ने वालों में कम से कम 50 प्रतिशत महिलायें हों ; तथा

(II) प्रौढ़ शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में कार्य करने वाली स्वैच्छिक एजेंसियों को सहायता देने की योजना में संशोधन किया गया है ताकि वे एजेंसियां भी सहायता अनुदान के लिये पात्र बन सकें जो सामान्यतः कम से कम 15 केन्द्रों के मुकाबले मात्र 5 केन्द्र ही चला रहे हैं ।

(iii) लड़कियों का दाखिला बढ़ाने के लिये, सततरूप से चल रहीं गैर-औपचारिक शिक्षा योजना, जिसके अन्तर्गत शैक्षिक रूप से पिछड़े राज्यों को सहायता दी जाती है, को उदार बनाया गया है और अब लड़कियों के लिये गैर-औपचारिक शिक्षा केन्द्रों की स्थापना के लिये केन्द्रीय सहायता 90:10 के आधार पर दी जाती है ।

(ख) अगली पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान इस उद्देश्य के लिये निर्धारित की जाने वाली राशि का अनुमान इस समय उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ।

Shorter platforms at Delhi Junction

1510. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to absence of long platforms of 22 coaches capacity, the Kalka Mail|Frontier Mail| Punjab Mail|Tinsukia Mail trains are blocking two platforms at Delhi Junction;;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to shortage of platforms the railway is not in a position to accommodate more trains at Delhi Junction;

(c) whether it is a fact that after increase in passenger traffic at Delhi Junction no alternative arrangements have been made for providing more passenger platforms as proposed earlier; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that even after sanction of funds and availability of space towards Kashmere Gate side, the proposed island platforms have not been provided, if so, what are the detailed reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is not possible to provide additional platforms at Delhi Junction due to lack of space.

(d) There is no space for the construction of additional island platforms towards Kashmere Gate side.

Size of Bookstalls and Counters at Railway Stations

1511. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the sizes of bookstalls and book counter tables at major stations fixed by Government prior to October, 1982 for each Zonal Railway;

(b) whether there is any uniform policy in respect of sizes of existing bookstalls and counter tables at major stations; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have issued any directive to Zonal Railways to curtail|remove|shift all the existing bookstall| book counter tables at major stations during the currency of the agreements, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No standard size of bookstall or counter tables has been laid down by the Ministry of Railways. Sizes are decided by Zonal Railways keeping in view availability of space, passenger demand, congestion on platforms, etc.

(c) Zonal Railways have been advised to review the need for continuing the existing stalls etc., and reduce them wherever warranted.

Cultural festival

1512. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main features of the cultural fesival being organised in Delhi from November 9, 1986;

(b) wheher there are plans to arrange such festivals in other parts of the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Some of the main features of the National Cultural Festival being organised in Delhi are as follows:—

(i) The main thrust of the Festival is the involvement of the people of Delhi in the celebration of the Festival by providing an opportunity to them to see the rich and varied cultural heritage of the country. It will also enhance cross-cultural communication and inter-action by bringing together artistes from all over India.

(ii) Seven Mukhya Maidans in densely populated areas in Delhi are the venues for celebration of the Festival. The cultural troupes from each of the seven Zonal Cultural Centres set up recently around the country have been performing at each of the seven Maidans for two days. These Centres have brought about 500 participants each and are holding exhibitions of their handicrafts, music, dance, theatre and organising workshops, group discussions etc. The other participating components are the schools and colleges.

(iii) During the course of the Festival specific days have been alloted for special manifestation to be reflected in the programmes of all Zonal Camps as well as sites specially chosen for the occasion. 14th November being Jawaharlal Nehru birth anniversary has been devoted to children for programmes that vary from roadside events, games to special events in the institutions for the handicapped and underprivileged children. 19th November being the birth anniversary of Mrs. Indira Gandhi has been declared by the Prime Minister as the Environmental Day.

(iv) Special events known as 'Goonjte Pathar' are being organised in collaboration with the Archaeological Survey of India in different parts of Delhi. In order to delineate the four major streams in our cultural heritage the Festival has also created the concept of 'The Four Khas Baghs' as Kavya Bagh, Nritya Bagh, Natya Bagh and Sangeet Bagh. Here in these Baghs well-known maestros have been rehearsing, discussing and performing among themselves and their viewers.

(b) and (c) The intention is to have such festivals in other parts of the country but definite proposals have yet to be worked out.

Loss suffered by DTC

1513. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total loss suffered by DTC during the period from April, 1986 to October, 1986; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to eliminate the losses in DTC?